

# GARGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 September 2014

Councillors Mrs Janet Turner, Mr David Syms, Mrs Janet Sugden, Mr Derrick Evans, Mr Peter Ward, Mr Alan Robinson and Clerk – Kath Ashby and several parishioners.

**1. To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Brian Atkinson, Simon Myers

**2. To acknowledge those present.**

**3. To receive any declaration of interest:** Cllr Peter Ward declared an interest in an upcoming planning matter. Chairman Cllr Janet Turner explained the procedure to Cllr Ward who accepted.

**4. To confirm the minutes of the last meeting:**

The minutes of the last meeting from 11 August 2014 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr. David Syms and seconded by Cllr. Peter Ward. All in favour and accepted unanimously.

### **4.1 Matters Arising:**

- a) The parishioner advised the meeting that the spraying of weeds has not yet been done but he had been busy cleaning the ground completely. It is hoped that the area will be cleared by the end of this week. Several suggestions were put forward, bark chippings or a couple of bushes but these would need trimming. A membrane would have to be put down first of all.
- b) **Update on Electricity supply at Village Hall and Church:** Mr Claxton was not present at this time.
- c) **River Work Update:** Although the work has been completed the slipway is better than it was but still not ideal. Cllr David Syms will try and brush the area nearest to the road, which is quite untidy at the moment.

**4.2 Response from Police re: accident outside Bollywood Cottage:** The Clerk reported that the relevant details have now been supplied to the driver's insurance company who in turn will now contact the person in question and report back in due course.

**4.3 Railway footpath:** the contractor hopes to start the work this week.

**4.4 Ragwort removal:** this is in the process of being composted and being taken away in the brown bin according to Defra's regulations. A paper copy of these regulations has been posted out to our grass cutting contractor for his retention.

**4.5 Broken kerb stones:** although a patching of this area has been completed, the tarmac has not been applied to the whole area which was marked out.

Cllr Evans also reported that some of the tactiles on the crossing point, adjacent to the broken kerb stones are broken and need replacing. The Clerk to report both matters to Area 5.

**5. Matters requested by councillors:** No response received from Cnty Cllr Shelagh Marshall.

**6. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:**

**6.1 Public Participation**

A parishioner raised the ongoing problem on the High Green. A resident nearby did repair the damaged area quite recently but it is deteriorating once again.

Another parishioner, representing the playground group advised the meeting that they now had a new Proludic representative who lived closer which would be better. A meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm has been arranged at the Playground and the Parish Council invited to come along.

Cllr Janet Turner suggested the group came along to our planned meeting in the Village Hall on Saturday 20 September when the NPG are going to be present at the Coffee Morning between 10am and 2pm. This idea will be put to the playground group.

A selection of ideas will be emailed to the Clerk who will then email the Parish Councillors for their thoughts. Cllr Janet Turner confirmed that someone will definitely attend the meeting at the Playground on the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**6.2 Police Report:**

Cllr Derrick Evans did today speak with PC Nichola Smith who informed him there has been one reported crime which was criminal damage involving fencing on South Street. It is thought to be the plantation fencing around the sub-station. Cllr Alan Robinson is to inspect the area and report back to the Parish Council.

**6.3 Electrician update re: lighting:**

The church lighting will be the same output, slightly better and less intrusive fittings. The light across from the Church has been very difficult to sort. Mr Claxton advised the meeting that NYCC will have to deal with this and erect a new post as part of this is broken. He tried to get the neck welded but this cannot be done. Mr Claxton is willing to contact NYCC to report the light. He can obtain a swan neck from City Electrical.

**Village Hall:** Mr Pearl, representative for the Village Hall is at present in communication with Mr Lloyd, the Architect and agreed to send his email address to Mr Claxton so that they can work out what is best. Mr Lloyd has several ideas for the lighting that will be in keeping with the village hall and will not look urban.

The matter of some form of lighting near the Railway Station was discussed and Cllr Turner asked Mr Claxton if he would investigate a solar powered system and report back to the Parish Council accordingly.

Mr Claxton advised the meeting that there are a couple of lights up Neville Road which are now showing their age and will need replacing eventually. He will advise of the actual ones. Cllr Janet Turner requested that he advise the Parish Council when the Church work has been completed, then we can advise NYCC.

**6.4 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:** Clerk has contacted CDC regarding the correct procedure for co-opting Mr Alan Robinson onto the Parish Council and is awaiting their response.

**6.5 Fencing at Playground:** Cllr Alan Robinson has repaired the fencing at the playground. He advised the meeting that he has been trying to get some wood for free from the contractors who are demolishing the Police Station house. Cllr Brian Atkinson will clean and paint the metal gates for free next year. Cllr Janet Sugden to meet the grass cutting contractor and get a price for hedging work around the playground car park area to act as another safety barrier.

**6.6 Signage:** a) The signs on the wall of the Village Hall are looking ‘tatty’ and need replacing. It was agreed that the sign would read Gargrave Parish Council, Annex and telephone number. Black lettering on white background.

b) The sign at the playground is still there, Cllr Peter Ward confirmed. It was agreed to leave the matter until after ROSPA do their inspection before a decision is made about a new sign.

c) Cllr Janet Turner explained that the still water in the Goit on the High Green was above very deep mud. It was agreed that a sign should be placed at each end reading Caution – Deep Mud.

Everyone agreed that at the same time the flagstones should be uncovered and cleared to make these visible along the water’s edge.

**6.7 Neighbourhood planning questionnaire responses:** The next meeting is this coming Wednesday. The Parish Council have received the initial results for Question 1 only.

**7. To consider the planning applications and decisions:**

See attached list.

**8. Financial matters:**

8.1 To approve the accounts for payment.

**9. To consider the following new correspondence** received and decide action where necessary:

See Attached list.

Item 6 - Times and dates have been placed in the village notice board, not our Parish Council notice board.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

This was confirmed as Monday 6 October 2014 at 7.15pm

There was no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm